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WEATHER

Temperatures were well below normal all week. Record low temperatures occurred mid-week over the eastern end of the State.

Precipitation was light and mostly in the form of snow with amounts mostly less than a third of an inch of moisture.

CROPS

Snow, rain and cold temperatures slowed field work last week. However, farmers and ranchers made good progress during the 3½ days that were suitable for field work. Planting of spring crops are underway in many areas but many fields are now too wet to work.

Precipitation last week alleviated moisture shortages in some counties. Top-soil moisture supplies are short in 11% of counties, 71% adequate and 18% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies are short in 3% of counties, 87% adequate and 10% surplus. Farmers are anxiously awaiting drying weather so they can again start spring field work.

Winter wheat is in good condition. The crop has improved since the first of the month. It appears now little acreage has winter killed but some acres may be lost due to weed infestation. Downy brome and mustard have become a serious problem in some areas.

Much of the sugar beet acreage in the Panhandle has been contracted for 1974 and planting has gotten underway. County agents report farmers have begun seeding oats in many areas and also some spring wheat.

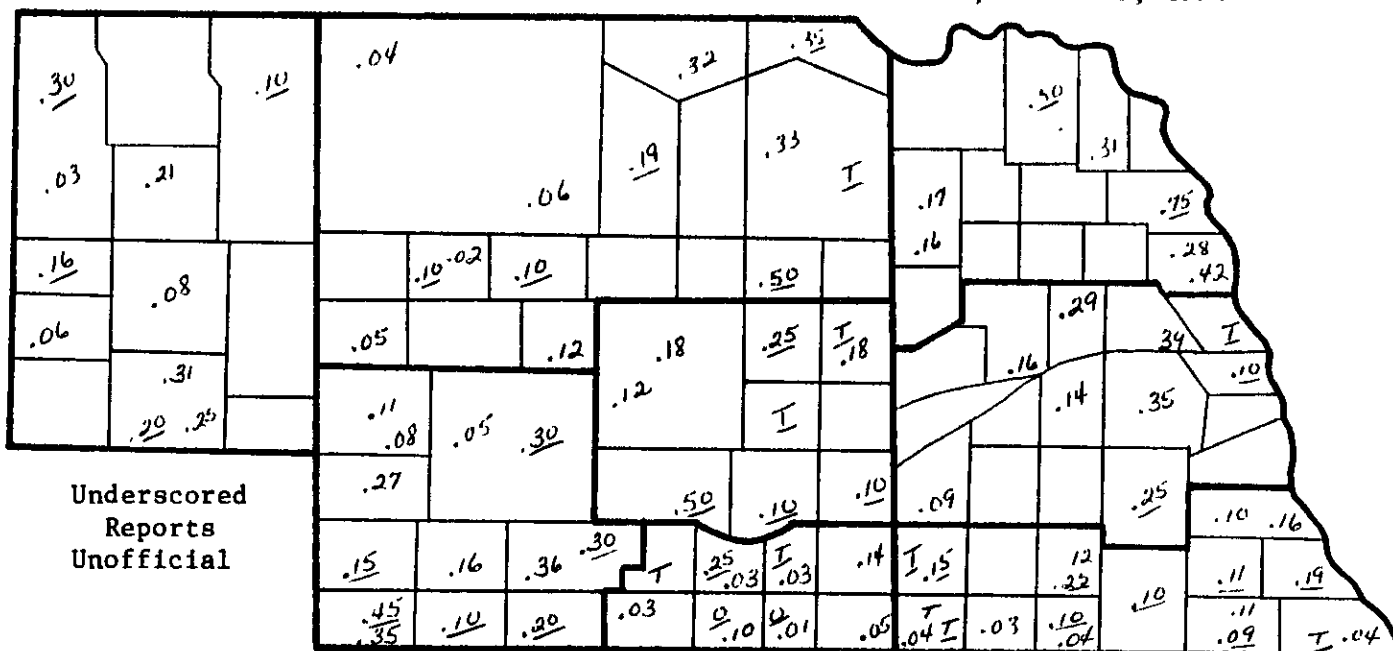
Alfalfa hay is in good condition, although several fields have been reported with large numbers of army cutworms. The extent of damage is unknown. Wild hay is in good condition.

LIVESTOCK & GENERAL

Pasture and range feed supplies were reported as 21% short and 79% adequate. Livestock are doing well and calves have less scours than last year.

Farmers' activities are mainly lambing, calving, shearing sheep, hauling manure, discing corn stalks, seeding and other chores.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1974



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1974

Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	47	7	26	--	.15
	Scottsbluff	49	7	30	-5	.18
	Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	50	3	27	-5	.08
NE	Norfolk	46	4	25	-9	.19
	Sioux City	44	-2	23	-12	.31
CEN	Grand Island	48	13	30	-7	.06
EC	Lincoln	51	5	23	-15	.14
	Omaha	50	1	27	-11	.21
SW	Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
	North Platte	55	6	28	-7	.16

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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